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SUBJECT: POLICEMAN CONVICTED FOR BRUTALITY

1. THESSALONIKI PRESS OVER PAST HOLIDAY WEEKEND
CARRIED VARYING ACCOUNTS OF CONVICTION AUGUST 13 BY MISDE-
MEANORS COURT HERE OF FORMER POLICEMAN ANTONIOS
LEPENIOTIS, ON CHARGES OF TORTURE AND BRUTALITY
BROUGHT BY CONSTANTINOS PYRZAS, AN ENGLISH TEACHER.
DEFENDANT TRIED AND SENTENCED TO TWO
YEARS ANDC AWYL #
MONTHS IMPRISONMENT IN ABSENTIA,
DUE HOSPITALIZATION FOR MENTAL DEPRESSION.
2. COMMENT: CASE OF INTEREST BECAUSE IT FIRST
CONVICTION OF KIND SINCE FALL OF JUNTA AND
BECAUSE OF BACKGROUND OF PLAINTIFF. PYRZAS
IS PROMINENT LOCALLY AS GRANDSON OF FAMED MACE-
DONIAN "FREEDOM FIGHTER" AGAINST BULGARIAN SEPARATISTS, AND AS ONE
OF THE "THESSALONIKI SIX" , MEMBERS OF THE DIMOKRATIKI AMYNA,
WHO WERE ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED IN 1968 FOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTED
AGAINST THE PAPADOPOULOS REGIME. MOST OF THE SIX,
WHICH INCLUDED WELL-KNOWN THESSALONIANS PAVLOS ZANNAS AND STELIOS
NESTOR, WERE RELEASED FROM PRISON IN 1972.
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